

TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS
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RESOLUTION #TM-07-06-003

**APPROVING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY CONCEPTUAL
PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Salton Sea has been a vital cultural and economic resource for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, which continues to own substantial land adjacent to and under the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians has been a member of the Salton Sea Authority since 2003 and has fully participated in all aspects of the Authority's programs, including the development of the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" ("Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians finds, given the information currently available, that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is consistent with Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians policies and programs, in particular Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians policy to oppose further water transfers from the Imperial Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, its constituents, and those living and working in the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has developed a community outreach program to inform the citizens and businesses in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any plan to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians hereby approves the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the District's preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and

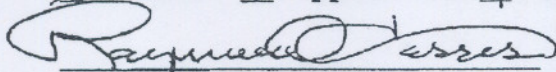
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians encourages the State of California and the Department of the Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and

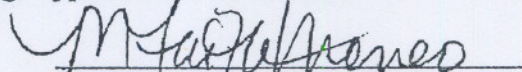
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians encourages the Salton Sea Authority to conduct a community outreach program to fully inform citizens and businesses in the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians service territory about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan, and to assist them in participating in the state and federal process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians have reviewed, and hereby approve, the Authority's Plan as the preferred alternative for the restoration of the Salton Sea.

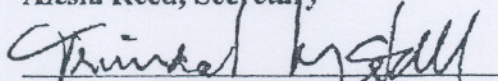
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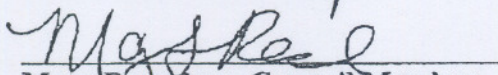
The Torres Martinez Tribal Council at a duly called meeting held on July 28, 2006 by a vote of 32 "in favor" 0 "opposed" and 1 "abstaining" approved this resolution.


Raymond Torres, Chairman

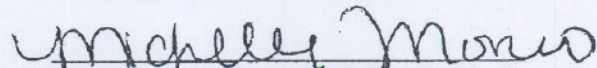

M. Faith Morreo, Vice-Chairman

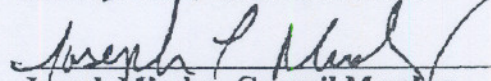
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